

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 and 9-19 are pending. Claims 7, 8, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1 and 12, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, specifically pages 23 and 44.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT

Citations to Figures and Specification locations are provided. However, such citations are provided merely as examples and are not intended to limit the interpretation of the claims or to evidence or create any estoppel.

As an example, support of the amendment can be found at pages 23 and 44 of the Specification, which is reproduced as follows:

Page 23, "In this system 101 , the split information contents are downloaded from the creator 5 to any notebook personal computers PCi wherein the split information contents are reproduced. The reproducing order of the split information contents is set using the GUI function of any notebook personal computers PCi. For example, a mark is set every turning point using the mark key in a control screen of any notebook personal computers PCi, which has been described beforehand. Thus, if the displayed information contents DIN are made to the streaming data, a marker is previously specified and the streaming data is then set to the mark information CD in storing, so that the corresponding streaming data may be reproduced by drifting into a marker position previously specified on the basis of the mark information CD in reproducing."

Page 44, "In the client PC for the recorder, for example, the process then goes to a subroutine shown in FIG. 14 and, at Step B 1 therein, it waits for pressing the record "REC" key K 4 . If the record "REC" key K 4 is pressed, at Step B 2 , the creator 5 starts recording the motion image. The process then goes to Step B 3 where it is checked whether the marking key K 7 is pressed partitioning a set period of time in the notebook personal computer PCi. In this moment, a user sets the marks each turning point such as a change of topics and presenters in storing using the marking key K 7 of the control screen 50 c . If the marking key K 7 is pressed in the notebook personal computer PCi during a set period of time, the process goes to Step B 4 where the creator 5 stores the numbers of marks, "1, 2, . . ." in the Mark list together with their marked time, "00:00:01" or the like. The Mark list is expanded into the storage device 23 , for example."

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-14 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,349,303 to Saito et al. (hereinafter, merely "Saito") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,124,164 to Chemtob (hereinafter, merely "Chemtob") and in further view

of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0023430 to Srinivasan (hereinafter, merely "Srinivasan") and further in view of WO Publication No. 01/89143 to Lee et al. (hereinafter, merely "Lee").

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Saito, Chemtob, Srinivasan, Lee, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,356 to Suzuki, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Suzuki").

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"A network-information-processing system comprising:

...wherein said information-creating apparatus classifies the displayed information contents into user-input-based split information contents based on said control information created upon a user input,

wherein a reproducing order of said split information contents is set using the input operation function of the information-processing apparatus." (Emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit Saito, Chemtob, Srinivasan, Lee, and Suzuki, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest or predict the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing is found that teaches, suggests or predicts wherein said information-creating apparatus classifies the displayed information contents into user-input-based split information contents based on said control information created upon a user input, and wherein a reproducing order of said split information contents is set using the input operation function of the information-processing apparatus, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claim 12 is also patentable.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent on an independent claim discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION

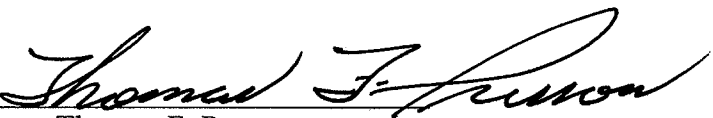
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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